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**IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT
R.S.N.S. 1989, CHAPTER 418, AS AMENDED**

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Barclays Bank Plc

Receipt for a Preliminary Short Form Shelf Prospectus dated **July 26, 2006** relating to the securities of the above Issuer is hereby issued pursuant to section 60 of the Act.

DATED at Halifax, this 27th day of July, 2006.

"Donna M. Gouthro"

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Deputy Director, Corporate Finance
per Donna Gouthro, Securities Analyst

NOTE: The issuance of this receipt is not construed as meaning that the adequacy of the Preliminary Short Form Shelf Prospectus and supporting material has been established. These are being reviewed by the Commission staff and initial comments will be furnished to you by letter as soon as practicable.

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